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ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE OF BARNARD

The annual luncheon of the Associate Alumnae of Barnard College was held on January 18, 1919, in Students Hall, Barnard College. One hundred and fifty-three alumnae attended.

The President of the Association, Miss Eleanor Osborne, (1898), presided, and speeches were made by Miss V. C. Gildersleeve, (1899), Dean of Barnard, and by Professor Vera Danschakoff, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, as well as by Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, (1905), Miss Amy Lowell, who was to have been the guest of honor, was prevented by illness from reaching New York. Other guests at the speakers' table were: Madame F. Baldensperger, the wife of the French Exchange Professor at Columbia; Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer, Miss Anna T. Maxwell, Superintendent of the Training-School for Nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, and Professor Danschakoff.

ANNUAL ALUMNAE REUNION

The annual reunion of the Associate Alumnae opened at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 15, in Brinckerhoff Theatre, when Dorothy Brockway, undergraduate president, welcomed back the alumnae in the name of the four undergraduate classes. "The gap between being an undergrad and an alumna often seems very wide," said Miss Brockway, "but today is one day in the year when we can all get together and feel that we belong each and every one to the same Alma Mater." Miss Brockway introduced Dean Gildersleeve, of the class of '99, who extended a more official greeting to the alumnae, and who gave a brief

account of the present undergraduate activities. "We are in a state of demobilization," said Miss Gildersleeve. "Our forces for war work are being gradually diverted into other channels, and while we are taking life less strenuously than during the past year, we are still very active and very busy."

After a performance of the operetta from Soph Show, Miss Eleanor Osborne, president of the Associate Alumnae, outlined in a short speech the plans of the alumnae for the year 1919-1920. To make the full scope of these plans clearer, Miss Osborne introduced Mr. John Collier, head of the Community Councils, whose suggestions as to the work that the Associate Alumnae can accomplish in connection with Americanization, are given in full elsewhere in this issue.

Tea for the alumnae was served in the Faculty Room, and a number of graduates remained for the Smith-Barnard debate in the evening.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RECREATION OF THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE BEGINS IMPORTANT WORK

Barnard did her share in war work enthusiastically and generously. Now she turns to peace work. And she is immediately confronted with a problem demanding wise solution,—the need and opportunity in this densely and heterogeneously peopled city for wholesome and *re-creative* activity in its leisure hours.

Broadway offers glittering diversion to crowding thousands. Scattered over the rest of New York's 300 square miles are humble imitations of the great metropolitan theatres and cafés, ministering to those of humbler aspirations and smaller purses. To "amuse one's self" in New York would seem at first sight the easiest possible thing to do.

But "amusement" can vary as much as food and can contribute as much,—or as little—to a man's mental, physical and spiritual well-being. "Amusement is, after all, only a small part

of what he needs after cramping and monotonous toil. His leisure hours, as has been pointed out by those earnestly striving to help him, should call forth in a man those latent powers which by creating through him something external to himself end by *re-creating* the man himself.

The war, by bringing into being whole communities, unlike individuals, emphasized the need for this form of *re-creation*;—the War Camp Community Service admirably demonstrated how it could be carried out. Various associations seeking the social betterment of certain groups had already tried work along similar lines and redoubled their efforts during the war period.

Throughout the country the movement is grouping itself around the Community Councils fostered by the Department of the Interior. In New York City the various organizations have come together in a body known as the City Recreation Committee.

All of these groups are straining at the leash. Each in its own field is gathering facts and experience that will be helpful to all. The splendid success of the "People's Palaces" in Belgium and of similar co-operative efforts for recreation in other European countries point toward a like goal here. But not until this information has been brought together and digested can the work proceed with intelligence and proper emphasis.

The Associate Alumnæ have been asked to undertake this task of correlation and have accepted it. A trained investigator has been engaged and has already opened up several lines of research. At the end of four months a survey will have been made and a printed report will be ready.

Financial support for his investigation has been in part guaranteed, but approximately \$2,000 must still be raised. That is a little over \$1.00 from each alumna. All who read this can surely spare \$1.00. Many can give more. Our need is *immediate*. *Won't you make your response immediate?*

Make checks payable to Anna E. H. Meyer, who is acting as treasurer of the committee, and send them to her at Barnard College.

For the Finance Committee,

CLARA DELISSA BERG, '98.

REPORT OF THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE OF BARNARD COLLEGE

In January, 1918, an appeal was made to the Associate Alumnae of Barnard College to co-operate with a committee representing six other colleges in providing entertainments on Saturday afternoon for the soldiers who were training at Camp Upton.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Barnard Alumnae, a motion was made and carried that a chairman be appointed to arrange an entertainment one Saturday a month at Camp Upton. An appropriation of seventy-five dollars was made to provide for the expenses of transportation and refreshments.

On Saturday, February 2d, 1918, a party of ten, representing the Barnard Entertainment Committee, went to Camp Upton and gave a short program followed by refreshments, in one of the attractive Y. M. C. A. huts. The entertainment consisted of monologues, songs, dances and music furnished by the Junior League Band.

The cakes and hot chocolate which we served were greeted with loud cheers as more than a thousand soldiers filed by us to receive their portions. The applause which attended every number on the program and the hearty thanks and expressions of appreciation from every soldier who had enjoyed our hospitality made us feel that our efforts were more than justified.

On March 15th, 1918, a second entertainment was given at Camp Upton. On this occasion a kind member of the Alumnae Association obtained the entire program and provided the transportation. The soldiers were entertained by an opera singer, a well known actress and comedienne and a well known singer and composer. Our program was highly complimented by the camp authorities, who witnessed it, and we were asked to repeat it in one of the other huts.

It had been planned to give an entertainment every Saturday until June at Camp Upton, but the military authorities deemed it wiser to have open air recreations for the soldiers during the

spring months. Our committee was asked to equip one hut with a baseball outfit.

At a spring meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was made and carried to spend fifty dollars on a baseball outfit for Y. M. C. A. Hut 34. This gift was deeply appreciated and no doubt it accomplished as much as our entertainments in brightening the monotony of camp life and cheering the soldiers on the eve of their departure for France.

During the fall months, the confused conditions at Camp Upton rendered it difficult to renew our entertainments. As soon as the camp was adjusted on a demobilization basis, we received a very urgent appeal to return and provide recreation for convalescents and returned soldiers who were chafing under delays in their discharges.

The chairman of the Bryn Mawr Committee, who was likewise chairman of the Intercollegiate Committee, resigned that position and the Barnard chairman was unanimously elected to succeed her. The duties of the chairman of the Intercollegiate Committee was to keep in communication with the camp and make the necessary arrangements and plans for the different colleges who sent entertainments to Camp Upton.

February 1st, 1919, March 15th, 1919 and May 17th, 1919 were the dates on which the Barnard Committee went to Camp Upton. Our entertainments were very successful and more than two thousand soldiers attended them.

The Directors of the Alumnæ Association voted a sufficient sum for carrying on our work at Camp Upton. The expenses averaged about twenty-five dollars a trip. They would have been greater were it not for the generous donations of cake which were made by members of the Association.

The difficulty of obtaining volunteer entertainers to go to Camp Upton, and the fact that several of the Colleges had been obliged to dissolve their committees has caused the chairman to terminate the work of the Intercollegiate Committee for entertainment at Camp Upton.

In closing her report, the chairman wishes to quote a few lines from one of the many letters of thanks and appreciation

received from Camp Upton. The Secretary of the hut in which we gave our entertainment writes :—

“The work of the Barnard Committee in giving entertainments to the soldiers at Camp Upton has been a greater service than you can realize and a wonderful treat for the boys.

“Will you be kind enough to thank your committee and all the ladies who have been so kind and generous to the boys and convey to them my personal appreciation?”

Respectfully submitted,

ESTELLE O'BRIEN,

Chairman Barnard Committee for Entertainment
at Camp Upton.

THE ROSE SIDGWICK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Barnard alumnæ now have the opportunity of making closer the bonds of friendship and understanding between England and America by helping to establish the Rose Sidgwick Memorial Fellowship. This fellowship, to be awarded annually to an English woman, for a year of graduate study in an American college or university, is to be named after one who gave up her life to the cause of international sympathy while she was a member of the British Educational Mission to America. Last winter Miss Sidgwick, a graduate of Somerville College, Oxford, made a tour of the American colleges and universities, during which she impressed everyone by her ready enthusiasm for all that was good in American education and by her fine expression of the highest type of English scholarship. When she fell a victim to pneumonia and died in New York on December 28, 1918, her American friends, of whom the Dean of Barnard was one, desired to found a lasting tribute to her character and services, and in so doing carry on the work in which she died.

At a meeting held at the Women's University Club on February 15, 1919, a committee was organized to secure the necessary money and establish this fellowship. Not less than \$25,000 will be required. It is expected that the fund will be

entrusted to the care of a permanent institute for international educational relations shortly to be opened in New York City.

The committee consists of: Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Chairman; Mrs. Rebecca Hooper Eastman, Secretary; Miss Mabel Choate, Treasurer; Mrs. William Reynolds Brown, Dean Bertha M. Boody, Radcliffe College; Mrs. Henry R. Caraway, President of the Women's University Club of New York; Professor Stephen P. Duggan, Committee on International Educational Relations, American Council on Education; Miss Fanny Gates, Dean Myra Beach Jordan, University of Michigan; President Harry Pratt Judson, University of Chicago; Mrs. Frederic S. Lee, President Henry N. MacCracken of Vassar College; Mrs. Gertrude S. Martin, Association of Collegiate Alumnae; Miss Ruth Morgan, Dean F. Louise Nardin, of the University of Wisconsin; President William A. Neilson, of Smith College; President Ellen F. Pendleton, of Wellesley College; Mrs. George Haven Putnam, Mrs. George Dupont Pratt, Miss Belle Skinner, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, President M. Carey Thomas, of Bryn Mawr College; President Mary E. Woolley, of Mount Holyoke College.

Seldom can we contribute to a cause which concerns us so directly as that of international scholarship. Of all memorials by which we can testify to the spiritual expansion of the United States, few can be so living and perpetual as the annual gift of an English girl to study at our colleges and dwell with us. New ideas, new understanding, new opportunities, for us as well as for her, will be the annual product of such a visit.

Let us bring our minds to bear on the profit and pleasure that will accrue from this travelling fellowship and each contribute to it what we can in the way of money. Even one dollar, according to the committee, will be quite acceptable. In years to come, when the fellowship is an established institution, it will be a pleasure to think, "I helped to found that."

George Eliot contributed to the fund to start Girton College, the first college for women in England, and in her day as much of a venture as this plan is now. Let us contribute to a fund for bringing Girton girls, and others, to America, and continue the expansion of opportunity and happiness for women.

Checks should be made payable to "The Rose Sidgwick Memorial Fund" and sent to the treasurer, Miss Mabel Choate, 8 East 63d Street, New York.

CLARE M. HOWARD,

Barnard College Committee on the
Rose Sidgwick Memorial Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT, APRIL 24, 1919

GENERAL FUND—Fifth Avenue Bank

Feb. 1, 1919—Balance in bank	\$921.40
Deposited Feb.-April	246.39
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Total balance on hand	\$1,167.79

EXPENDITURES

February	\$133.35
March	143.35
April	90.90
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	367.60

Total balance on hand	\$800.19
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LIFE-MEMBERSHIP FUND—East River Savings Bank

Balance on hand	\$146.20
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DORMITORY SURPLUS FUND—East River Savings Bank

Balance on hand	\$311.50
Emigrant Savings Bank	86.16
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Total Balance for Dormitory Surplus.....	\$397.66
Balance on hand Students Aid Committee.....	\$1,853.80

E. N. WALLACE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT

January 9, 1919.

Since October 16, 1918, in so far as reported, the appointments through January 8, 1919, have been:

Teacher	4
Tutor	5
Secretary and stenographer.....	5
Miscellaneous clerk	13
Mathematical clerk and statisticians.....	5
Social worker	2
Mother's helper and companion	19
Miscellaneous	8
(Translator, reader, college warden, etc.)	

Total61

Of these 15 were permanent full time positions; the others part time or temporary. This is a slight decrease in the number of appointments for the same period of a year ago, which is probably due to the fact that the girls for 1918 were placed promptly after graduation and not available for full positions. Because of changed conditions due to peace, however, there will probably be a decrease in the demand for woman workers in many lines from now on. We hope this will not affect the demand for college trained women.

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES L. DICKSON,
Chairman.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Virginia Newcomb, 1900, is Director of Y. M. C. A. Women's Work in the Bordeaux district.

Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid (Helen M. Rogers, '03) is advertising manager for the New York Tribune.

Mabel G. Compton, '04, is teaching in the Illinois Women's College.

Mrs. Willard G. Bleyer (Alice Haskell, '06) has just been elected a member of the first elective school board of Madison, Wisconsin. The Board promptly made her treasurer and chairman of the finance committee. She headed the polls.

Clairette P. Armstrong, '08, is one of the secretaries for the Red Cross Balkan Commission and was in Constantinople when last heard from.

Annie G. Turnbull, '08, is teaching in the Veltin School.

Mildred Downs, '10, is a secretary in the New York State Department of Health.

Agnes M. Burke, '11, is abroad with the Y. M. C. A.

Ruth J. Hakes, '11, has just taken a position as secretary to the Director of Cooper Union.

Natalie V. Armstrong, '13, is librarian in the Montclair High School.

Marthe Ballot, '13, has been a yeowoman in the Navy for the past year.

Irene L. Dalglish, '13, is doing statistical work in the advertising department of the Butterick Co.

Priscilla Lockwood, '13, is a reconstruction aide with the army in France.

Mary Polhemus, '11, has just returned after several months of the same sort of work and is now on duty in hospital on Staten Island.

Ethel Webb, '14, is doing Canteen work with the Y. M. C. A. abroad.

Alice Clingen, '14, has a secretarial position with the Guaranty Trust Co.

Grace Coffin, '14, and Lois W. Martin, '15, are Hospital Hut workers with the Red Cross, on duty at Brest when last heard from.

Ruth E. Guernsey, '14, is to teach next year in the Lenox School, New York City.

Dorothy F. Herod, '14, is doing Y Canteen work abroad.

Mary H. Lawler, '14, is writing advertisements.

Mildred Du Bois, Special, and Eleanor Doty, '12, have come back from France, where they were doing Y. M. C. A. Canteen service.

Frances A. Mills, '14, is an assistant in the publication department of Rockefeller Institute.

Georgia Cerow, '12, is in charge of the Red Cross Warehouse at Rheims.

Margaret Peck, '14, is doing supply work of the same sort at St. Quentin.

The Barnard Red Cross Unit which began work at Bordeaux has been taken over by the French Government and has charge of relief work near Cambrai. The members of the unit are Eugenia Ingerman, '11, Mildred L. Hodges, '12, Leslie Gardiner, '07, Edith F. Balmford, '13.

Muriel Valentine, '07, has just received the *Croix de Guerre* from the French Government for services with wounded soldiers during the operations of June and July, 1918. She has been working with the American Committee for Devastated France.

Frédéricka Belknap, '15, is secretary for the Barnard School for Girls.

Ann G. Kuttner, '15, has returned from bacteriological work with the Presbyterian Hospital Unit abroad and is now with the New York Health Department.

Helen Lachman, '15, is in the advertising department of Bloomingdale's.

Caroline Lunt, '15, is welfare manager for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

Dorothy Skinker, '15, has gone abroad for Canteen work.

Estelle Albert, '16, is a reporter for the Sun.

Francenia S. Child, '16, Dorothy M. Blonde, '16, and Lucetta P. Johnson, '07, are all teaching in Packer Institute, Brooklyn.

Katherine W. McGiffert, '16, has been one of the wardens at Bryn Mawr College during the past year.

Sarah I. Bennett, '17, is translating for the Fox Films Co.

Evelyn M. Davis, '17, is statistician for the Utilities Mutual Insurance Co.

Edna Pritchard, '17, is technical assistant for the International Nickel Co.

Katherine Quackenbos, '17, is to teach next year in St. Mary's School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Louise Irby, '18, is to teach next year at the Summit School, St. Paul.

This year she has been organizing the teaching of Community Civics in the schools of Atlantic City.

Elsie Oschrin, '18, is working with R. H. Macy and Co. experimenting with vocational tests.

Christine C. Robb, '18, is a reconstruction aide in one of the Army hospitals.

Helen H. Stevens, '18, is secretary of the Speaking Bureau, Wark Work Council, Y. M. C. A.

MARRIAGES

- 1907 Julia H. Freed to James J. Walsh.
1908 Hilda E. Welles to R. Stidfole.
1909 Helene M. Boas to Cecil Yampolsky, April 8, 1919.
Helen Veith to Auguste Dall, Sept., 1918.
1912 Isabelle F. Noyes to J. K. Brugler.
1914 Sarah G. Voorhis to William G. Anderson, Oct. 12, 1918.
1915 Beulah E. Amidon to Lt. Paul G. Ratcliff, Feb. 27, 1919.
1917 Katherine Leonard to John A. Perkins.
Beatrice Lowndes to Edward M. Earle.
Agnes Surgeoner to Daniel Doran, April, 1919.

DEATHS

- 1909 Mrs. Caleb E. Burchenal (Mary E. Holland), died July 26, 1916.
1912 Esther Lewontin, died April 23, 1919.
1913 Mrs. Edwin E. Berliner (Rhoda F. Freudenthal), died Dec. 13, 1918.
Mrs. Robert N. Bavier (Grace M. Pearson), died Dec. 31, 1918.
1914 Laura Jeffrey, died Nov. 16, 1918.
1917 Catherine Derivan, died Dec., 1918.
Grace Merritt, died 1919.

